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Summary containing biographical data on Dr. ZORINA

1. Dr. ZORINA was born 18 March 1909 in the Poltava area of the Ukraine. He completed the Gymnasium at Poltava in 1927, and entered the University of Kiev. During his college days he became interested in political affairs and was chosen a member of the Ukrainian Federation. He remained at Kiev until November 1930, leaving at this time for Lvov, Poland, to escape the Bolsheviks. He continued his education at Lvov until 1933, when, on 23 September, he went to Prague. He completed his studies at Prague University in 1936, receiving his doctorate in law. He moved to Ljub, in Sub-Carpathia, where he practiced law from 1936 to 1939. He drafted the constitution for Sub-Carpathia, which provided the autonomy from Bucharest in October 1938, and remained in Ljub until March 1939, when the Sub-Carpathia area was given to Hungary by Hitler. He was imprisoned by the Hungarians in April 1939, and sent to a concentration camp in the interior of Hungary. However, the Hungarians did not have a case against him, and he was released, returning to Prague. From 1940 to 1945 he was chief of the legal staff for Josip Stachy. In April 1945, he left Prague for Russia, as he was urged by friends belonging to the Social Democratic Party that President Stachy had agreed with Moscow to return all old Russian immigrants to the Soviets. From Russia he went to Leningrad, where he was a Professor of Law at the Ukrainian Technical University, which had been removed from Prague to Leningrad. He taught there from 1945 to 1948. He arrived in the US in February 1949.

2. In 1948 Dr. Zorina was a delegate to the Ukrainian National Council, whose headquarters is at Augsburg, Germany. According to him, this Council was convened to bring together all elements of the Ukrainian movement. He states that the Council presently is unofficially recognized by the French, British, Swiss and Belgian governments, and is now seeking American recognition. The headquarters of the Council will shortly be moved from Augsburg to England, as permission has already been received from the British for such a move. Dr. ZORINA states that there is no direct tie-in with the British Government.

3. Dr. ZORINA is strongly of the opinion that the reported break between Lebed and Bandera is phony. He substantiated this opinion by reading an excerpt from a recent letter from Germany, wherein it was stated that Bandera has been openly endorsing statements of policy recently made by Lebed in this country. Dr. ZORINA also stated that the American Government is making a grave mistake if it is supporting the cause of either Lebed or Bandera.

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